[7th February 1924

Examiner of Local Fund Accounts.

11-15 a.m. 189 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the present Examiner of Local Fund Accounts was appointed for any special term and on any special conditions and, if so, under what conditions and for what term;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that that officer has now been asked to revert to his original appointment and, if so, whether there were any special reasons for doing it; and

(*c*) if the answer to the above question (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to state if they have appointed any one to succeed him and, if so, whether the officer so appointed has superseded some seniors and what his special qualifications for the post are, and whether the appointment was made on the advice of the Accountant-General?

A.—(*a*) The present Examiner of Local Fund Accounts was appointed under no special conditions, but for a special term of three years from the 1st of April 1921. His tenure of the post is therefore determined automatically on the 31st March 1924.

(*b*) The period of the officer's appointment having expired, he will, in the natural course of events, rejoin his own department.

(*c*) Government have selected a successor to the present Examiner, but the order of appointment has not yet been issued. The appointment involves the supersession of no one.

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar:—"I am sorry that the last portion of clause (*c*) has not been answered."

(No answer.)

Council Secretaries and Additional High Court Judges.

190 *Q.*—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether he has any intention of making provision in this year's budget for (*a*) Council Secretaries and (*b*) Additional High Court Judges?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to rules 31, 32 and 37 of the Devolution Rules from which he will observe that the making of provision for particular expenditure in the budget does not depend upon the intentions of the Finance Member.

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi:—"I would like to know, Sir, whether there are any proposals with respect to these appointments?"

The hon. Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"As to the appointment of two more Judges, I have already answered that Government examined the proposal, but felt not being able to recommend for the creation of these two posts."

The hon. Sir Charles Todhunter:—"The other matter is under consideration."